GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4658
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Indira Gandhi National Service Scheme Award
Antony Shri Anto

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced an award namely Indira Gandhi National Service Scheme Award;
(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
(c) the details of the prize money awarded thereunder; and
(d) whether the Government has received any representation regarding the enhancement of the said prize money and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) to (c): Yes Madam. The Government had instituted the Indira Gandhi National Service Scheme (NSS) Awards in the year 1993-94 to recognize and reward outstanding contributions towards voluntary community service made by the Universities/ Senior Secondary (+2) Councils, NSS Units/ Programme Officers and NSS Volunteers, with a view to further promote NSS. At present, the following awards are conferred under Indira Gandhi National Service Scheme(NSS) Awards every year:
<pre>S. No.
Category
No. of Awards
Value of Award
1.
University/
+2 Council
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First Award: Rs.3,00,000/- (for NSS Programme Development) with a Trophy to the University/ +2 Council.
A Certificate and a Silver Medal to the Programme Coordinator.
Second Award: Rs.2,00,000 lakh (for NSS Programme Development) with a Trophy to the University/ +2 Council.
A Certificate and a Silver Medal to the Programme Coordinator.
2.
NSS Units and their Programme Officers
10
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Rs.1,00,000/- to each NSS Unit (For NSS Programme Development), with a Trophy.
Rs. 70,000/- to each Programme Officer with a Certificate and a Silver Medal.
3.
NSS Volunteers
30
Rs. 50,000/- to each Volunteer, with a Certificate and a Silver Medal.</pre>
The Scheme Guidelines lay down very precise eligibility conditions and performance evaluation parameters as well as very objective multi-stage selection process, involving Selection Committees at School/ Colleges level, University/ +2 Council level, State level and National level. There are multi-level committees to examine and make recommendations for the award. These committees have officials as well as eminent persons as members.
(d) No, Madam. The Government has not received any representation regarding enhancement of the said prize money. However, the Government, after taking into consideration all relevant factors, suo moto, increased the prize money from FY 2015-16 onwards as under:
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<pre>S. No.
Category of Award
Cash Awards upto 2014-15 (Rs.)
Cash Awards from 2015-16 onwards (Rs.)
1.
NSS Volunteers (30 Awards)
15,000
50,000
2.
NSS Programme Officers (10 Award)
20,000

70,000
3.
NSS Units (10 Awards)
70,000
1,00,000
4.
Universities/ +2 Councils
---First Award
---Second Award
2,00,000
1,00,000
3,00,000
2,00,000</pre>